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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Section 1. Preliminary Statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 CFR 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability or that no other material information exists.

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Section 6. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement

Copies of patents listed were provided in previous related applications.

Section 9. Concise Explanation Of English Language Listed Information Items (Optional)

Applicant notes that a Commercial Success Declaration by Daniel S. Bangert signed on November 20, 1998 and appearing in related application Serial No. 09/267,174, discusses sales of the disclosed die insert beginning in late September of 1996. This was not noted in a previous IDS because applicant believes the sales have no relevance to applications claiming an effective filing date of September 19, 1996. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, the applicant is now noting this information in case the Examiner wishes to consider it for any reason. Applicant also believes the November 20, 1998 declaration is still strong evidence of nonobviousness and urges the Examiner to so consider the declaration.

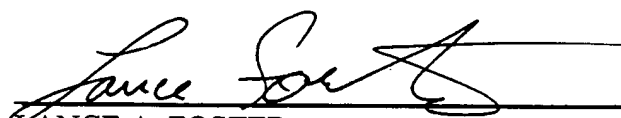
Applicant is attaching photographs of a die member which, to the best of applicant's information, has been on sale in the United States since 1999 and is manufactured by Eckel Manufacturing Company of Odessa, TX. The steel die has a thermal sprayed coating on its gripping surface. Applicant's analysis of the thermal sprayed coating indicates that its constituents are approximately 23% chrome, 70% iron and a variety of other trace elements, including 0.3% carbon. Applicant did not detect the presence of any discrete granular particles in the thermal spray coating, but it appears that molten droplets do solidify on the surface of the sprayed coating. A simple comparison using the scratch method indicates that the individual droplets have a hardness in excess of 60 HRC whereas the base metal has a hardness of 10 HRC or 90 HRB, thereby possibly allowing the droplets to penetrate into the base metal if a sufficient load is placed on the dies.

Section 10. Identification of Person(s) Making THIS INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The person making this statement is the attorney who signs below on the basis of the information in the attorney's file.

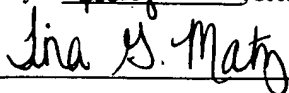
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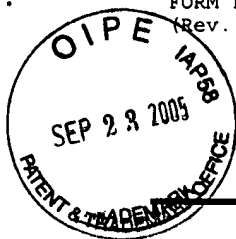
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	PATENT NUMBER	ISSUE DATE	PATENTEE	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	✓ 1371943	03/15/21	Sperduti			
	✓ 2637236	05/05/53	Vergnani, et al	81	180	
	✓ 2714321	08/02/55	Tamplin	81	52	
	✓ 3024128	03/06/62	Dawson	117	22	
	✓ 3365762	01/30/68	Spiri	24	263	
	✓ 3656522	04/18/72	Ingimarsson	145	50	
	✓ 4576067	03/18/86	Buck	81	57.15	
	✓ 4643740	02/17/87	Nicolson	51	293	
	✓ 4778730	10/18/88	Zucker	81	900	
	✓ 4989909	02/05/91	Boulligny, Jr. et al	294	119.3	
	✓ 5148726	09/22/92	Huebschen, et al	81	119	
	✓ 5150642	09/29/92	Moody, et al	81	57.18	
	✓ 5451084	09/09/95	Jansch	294	119.3	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	PUBLIC. DATE	COUNTRY OR PATENT OFFICE	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES	NO
✓ 2063743	06/1981	Great Britain - Crowcroft	81	900	X	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Relevant Pages, Place of Publication)

Advertisement published by C4 Carbides in Great Britain more than one year prior to the filing of U.S. application serial number 08/713,444 filed on September 13, 1996 (now abandoned), entitled "The Use of High Friction Materials"
Kinzel, Buttner; <u>Evaluation of Corrosion on CRA-Pipe</u> ; September 9, 1996; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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